



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter.

Tuesday, June 05, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2007-0147 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of May 15, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2007-0133	Historic Document Preservation Grant	Referral
2007-0126	Grant for Expanded DUI Enforcement (2007)	Referral
2007-0128	State Office of Policy and Management Grant for Maritime Academy	Referral
2007-0139	Local Prevention Council Grant Program	Referral
2007-0132	Charter Revision Commission	Referral
2007-0134	Introduction of Animal Shelter Ordinance	Referral
2007-0135	Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Animal Shelter Ordinance	Referral
2007-0136	CGS 8-24 Referral to Planning Commission of Animal Shelter Ordinance	Referral

2007-0143	Receipt of Planning Commission Report on Senior Center Expansion	Referral
2007-0144	Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 08)	Referral
2007-0145	Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 08)	Referral
2007-0146	Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 08)	Referral
2007-0137	Adoption of Senior Center Expansion Ordinance	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2007-0127	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Edward and Jeanne Martin - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Duncan and Elizabeth Stoddard - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Twice Is Nice - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Jean H. Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Various Donations - \$646.72 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton - \$29.05 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Joann Ramin - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 The Mystic Women's Club - \$738.41 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 New England Filipino-American, Inc. - \$100.00 - Library Discretionary

d. Tax Refund

2007-0148	Tax Refund	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refund indicated below is hereby approved.

Margaret M. Bartus Trustee - \$2,802.20 - Excess payment

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman O'Beirne**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**

d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt****f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Scott****g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter****h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik****i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****X. NEW BUSINESS**

2007-0133 Historic Document Preservation Grant Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding pursuant to PA 00-146, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, or the Town Clerk as his designee, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Preservation Grant of \$12,000.

Legislative History

5/15/2007 Town Council Referred Town Council Finance Committee
Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox requested a referral for the Town Manager to sign a contract for a historic preservation grant which was referred to the Finance Committee.

5/16/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

5/22/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0126 Grant for Expanded DUI Enforcement (2007) Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT AGAINST DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND INTOXICANTS (DUI)

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton annually uses State of Connecticut DOT grants to provide extra patrol shifts for driver safety and DUI enforcement during 11 enforcement dates including major holidays, and

WHEREAS, a 75% funding grant for the Memorial Day and Independence Day holiday periods, with the Town paying 25% of the costs, is within the budget and work program of the Groton Town Police, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a 2007 state DUI grant of up to \$19,725, with the Town to provide matching funds of up to \$6,575.

Legislative History

5/14/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

5/22/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0128 State Office of Policy and Management Grant for Maritime Academy Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THE GROTON MARITIME ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police Department is approaching its sixth summer of operating the successful Groton Maritime Academy for youth of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the program gives young people hands-on experience of maritime occupations and recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Maritime Academy puts young people in contact with various local institutions such as the Mystic Seaport, Coast Guard Academy, and the University of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Town's objective is to fund the Maritime Academy primarily with grants and contributions, aside from salary cost of administering the program, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management has a Police and Youth Program that will make grants for the fiscal year July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$10,000 for the support of the Groton Maritime Academy.

Legislative History

5/15/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0139 Local Prevention Council Grant Program Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDS VIA THE CITIZENS' TASK FORCE ON ADDICTIONS IN NEW LONDON COUNTY, INC.

WHEREAS, prevention initiatives are needed to help deter Groton youth from substance abuse and, WHEREAS, the Citizens' Task Force on Addictions in New London County, Inc., in conjunction with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), offers to Groton and other municipalities an annual recurring grant through its capacity as a Local Prevention Council (LPC) and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LPC Grant is to foster initiatives that prevent the onset of alcohol, drug and tobacco use among children and youth, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Groton Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to apply for Local Prevention Council funding in an amount to be determined for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Legislative History

5/18/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0132 Charter Revision Commission Referral

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-188 through 7-191, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Charter Revision Commission is hereby created, whose membership shall consist

of 5 to 15 electors of the Town, not more than one-third of whom may hold any public office in the Town, and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Commission shall make its report including any proposed revision of or amendments to the existing Charter to the Town Council not later than July 22, 2008.

Legislative History

5/16/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0134	Introduction of Animal Shelter Ordinance		Referral

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,385,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT ANIMAL SHELTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

Section 1. That the sum of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,385,000) is appropriated for a replacement animal shelter at the Town Hall Annex site on Groton Long Point Road. The project shall include design and construction of an animal shelter, including office and support areas; examining room; acquaintance room; general purpose and isolation kennels and runs; food preparation, bathing, laundry, and general storage areas; related heating, cooling and ventilating systems; sprinkler, fire alarm and security systems; extension of utilities; landscaping, access driveway and parking area; demolition of the existing dog pound and relocation of the police impound yard. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, materials, demolition costs, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town Council may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. [The appropriation shall be defrayed by contributions received by the Town in the amount of \$ _____ and the remaining amount of \$ _____ shall be defrayed by the issue of bonds or notes of the Town.]

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,385,000) [_____ DOLLARS (\$ _____)] to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of contributions received by the Town for the project [in excess of \$ _____]. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town of Groton. The Town does hereby covenant and agree with the holders of the bonds or notes and all notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes that in each year while any such bonds or notes are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town in an amount sufficient, with such other funds of the Town as shall be available for such purpose, to pay the interest and principal on the bonds or notes as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,385,000) [_____ DOLLARS (\$ _____)]. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, payable as provided in Section 2. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

Section 4. That the Town Council shall determine the amount of bonds or notes authorized by Section 2 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

Section 7. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective only if it has been adopted by vote of not less than five (5) members of the Town Council and by the Representative Town Meeting, and only if the appropriation set forth in Section 1 and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Section 8.12 of the Town Charter, and notice of passage has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter.

Legislative History

5/17/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0135

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Animal Shelter Ordinance

Referral

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,385,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT ANIMAL SHELTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an Ordinance Appropriating \$1,385,000 for a Replacement Animal Shelter and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes in the Same Amount to Finance Said Appropriation on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex Community Room 1.

Legislative History

5/17/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
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	5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0136	CGS 8-24 Referral to Planning Commission of Animal Shelter Ordinance			Referral
	RESOLUTION REFERRING "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,385,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT ANIMAL SHELTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION" TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS 8-24			
	RESOLVED, the Town Council refers to the Groton Planning Commission, under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the proposed Replacement Animal Shelter Ordinance.			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/17/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2007-0143	Receipt of Planning Commission Report on Senior Center Expansion			Referral
	RECEIPT OF PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT ON SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/23/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
2007-0137	Adoption of Senior Center Expansion Ordinance			Referral
	ADOPTION OF SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION ORDINANCE			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/17/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	5/22/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
2007-0144	Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 08)			Referral
	ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND (FYE 08)			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/23/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
2007-0145	Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 08)			Referral
	ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT FUND (FYE 08)			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/23/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
2007-0146	Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 08)			Referral
	ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND (FYE 08)			
	<u>Legislative History</u>			
	5/23/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W

XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

